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(c) the total amount disbursed in all the three taluks of the division?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (a) to (c) The information is furnished below.

	Tirumayam taluk.	Alangudi taluk.	Kulathur taluk.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Number of applications received.	3,965	9,320	175
Number of applications sanctioned.	1,596	2,931	8
The amount disbursed.	Rs. 6,24,645	Rs. 10,15,245	Rs. 2,550

Workers of "Elaka Estate", Olavakkot

* 326 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any prosecution was launched against some of the workers of "Elaka Estate" near Olavakkot, South Malabar, in the first quarter year of 1956 and on what charges?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes, Sir. Three workers of the Elaka Rubber Estate were prosecuted for an offence under section 435, I.P.C., on the charge that they had set fire to some rubber plants.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Is it not a fact that the Magistrate who tried the case has commented that the case was foisted upon the workers because of their Union activities, and so discharged the accused?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, my information is that the persons have been acquitted. But I have not got a copy of the judgment and so, I am not aware of the passages in it to which the hon. Member has made a reference.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI: Will the Government send for a copy of the judgment and peruse it? If it is found that the case has been foisted by the police on the accused workers because of their Union activities, will the Government take any drastic action against the police for foisting such a case on the workers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is not a question of the police foisting a case on the workers. The manager gave a complaint that three persons had set fire to some rubber plants and caused damage. It is on that a charge-sheet was laid. Therefore, I do not think that the police should be held responsible for this purpose. Still whatever action is necessary will have to be taken by the Kerala State because I do not think we have the time now to send for a copy of the judgment and then take action.

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SRI M. PALANIYANDI : சில சமயங்களில் போலீஸ்காரர்கள் தவறாக நடந்துகொண்டதால் கோர்ட்டுகளில் கேஸ் தள்ளுபடியாகியும்கூட, அது விஷயமாக கேள்வி வருகிறது. கேள்வி வந்தபிறகுதான் மந்திரி அவர்கள் விசாரணை செய்து, போலீஸார் தவறாக நடந்திருந்தால் அவர்கள்மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கிறார்களா அல்லது ஏதோ சட்ட சபையில் பதில் சொல்லவேண்டும் என்ற முறையில் பதில் சொல்லப்படுகிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : போலீஸ்காரர்கள் எப்பொழுது தவறாக நடந்துகொண்டாலும் அவர்கள் மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படு கிறது என்பதை கனம் அங்கத்தினருக்கு சொல்லிக்கொள்ள விரும்பு கிறேன். போலீஸ்காரர்கள் இந்தக் கேஸை பொய்யாக அவர் பேரிலே செய்தார்களா அல்லது மானேஜர் செய்தாரா என்பதைத் தெரிந்து கொள் வதற்கு ஜட்ஜ்மெண்டினுடைய நகல் என்னிடம் இப்பொழுது இல்லை. ஆகையால்தான், அதைப்பற்றி இப்பொழுது சொல்ல முடியவில்லை.

Quarry (Granite) workers strike at Pamtheeremkev, Malabar

9-20 a.m. * 327 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the conciliation measures taken by the Government in the Quarry (Granite) workers strike at Pamtheeremkev in Kotal amsam in Kozhikode taluk, Malabar district, which started on 5th July 1956?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The dispute falls within the jurisdiction of the Central Government. It is reported that the Conciliation Officer (Central), Cochin, has brought about a settlement.

Employees of the Government Stanley Hospital, Madras

* 328 *Q.*—SRI K. P. KOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Government Stanley Hospital, Madras, have not received their salaries since 1st August 1956;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) whether the Government have made any enquiries in the matter and if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) The hon. Member is presumably referring to the decision of the Stanley Hospital employees not to receive their pay on account of the enhancement of house rent of certain quarters occupied by them. The workers have since received their salary.

(*b*) & (*c*) The question as to what deduction should be made from the pay of the hospital workers occupying the new Government quarters towards rent is under the consideration of Government. Pending a final decision on this, instructions have been issued that only 10 per cent of pay should be recovered as rent from the occupants of the new quarters.

(Questions Nos. 329 to 334 not put by the hon. Member.)